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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Acting Director, Intelligence Community Staff
SUBJECT: DCI Response to Nuclear Weapons Master Plan II
(NWMP-II) Intelligence Working Group (IWG) Study

1. The attached memorandum to Dr. James Wade, forwarded for your signature, informs him of our intent to provide formal DCI comments on the NWMP-II IWG study. It also serves as a response to Dr. Wade's 2 August rejoinder to your 15 July memorandum. []

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2. As you will recall, we were asked to provide formal coordination/concurrence at the conclusion of the Phase I study in mid-1982. Although a similar offer has not been extended to us with regard to the NWMP-II IWG study, we believe that a formal statement by the DCI is warranted due to the importance of the NWMP effort, its potential impact on peacetime intelligence operations, and possible budgetary implications for the NFIP. []

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3. We have initiated actions within the Intelligence Community Staff and with the Program Managers to obtain Staff and Community views on the study by mid-September. This has infuriated [] and I presume the attached will render him apoplectic. Nonetheless, we believe that the NWMP study requires a DCI response, particularly since the final version does not address the concerns you noted in your 15 July memorandum to Dr. Wade. We have attempted to be non-prejudicial in our wording of the attached in order not to exacerbate an already touchy situation. []

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4. We plan to have the interim response ready for the DCI's signature by the end of September, which may make DoD think twice about briefing the President in early September. []

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5. Because of your position in the NWMPs Executive Review Board, the fact that this is a heads-up message, and the echelon at which Dr. Wade operates, we recommend that you sign this as DDCI. []

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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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18 AUG 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable James P. Wade, Jr.
Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense
for Research and Engineering

SUBJECT: Nuclear Weapons Master Plan (NWMP) Intelligence Working
Group Phase II Study

1. We have received the formal Phase II report of the NWMP Intelligence Working Group. Because of the importance of this undertaking, we have initiated appropriate tasking in the Intelligence Community to prepare a formal response from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense regarding the study and its recommendations. The DCI's response will be in two parts:

- An interim response providing his general assessment of the study and its recommendations, including his views concerning the conduct of the studies recommended in the report and those recommended under the RSR Alternative II agreement that are not adequately covered by NWMP-II. We anticipate that this interim response will be delivered in late September.
- A final response that will draw from the results of the future mix studies already under way in the DCI collection committees. This response will be delivered at the conclusion of these mix studies.

2. As I noted in my 15 July memorandum to you, the IWG has made considerable progress during the past year on this terribly complex task, and you can be assured of our continuing support both in the IWG and the Executive Review Board. Because the path we take toward implementation could have far-reaching implications for the Defense and Intelligence communities, this seems the proper time to involve the DCI personally in this undertaking. We should get together immediately following completion of the DCI's comments to discuss how best to proceed with NWMP-II and its follow-on activities.

/S/ John N. McMahon

John N. McMahon

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